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| <u>JG</u>           | 3,254,650  | 06/07/66 | Collito              | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 3,519,187  | 07/07/70 | Kapitanov, et al.    | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 3,774,615  | 11/27/73 | Lim, et al.          | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,214,587  | 07/29/80 | Sakura, Jr.          | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,350,160  | 09/21/82 | Kolesov, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,352,358  | 10/05/82 | Angelchik            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,366,819  | 01/04/83 | Kaster               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,368,736  | 01/18/83 | Kaster               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,503,568  | 03/12/85 | Madras               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,523,592  | 06/18/85 | Daniel               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,553,542  | 11/19/85 | Schenck, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,589,416  | 05/20/86 | Green                | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,593,693  | 06/10/86 | Schenck              | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,607,637  | 08/26/86 | Berggren, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,624,255  | 11/25/86 | Schenck, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,624,257  | 11/25/86 | Berggren, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,657,019  | 04/14/87 | Walsh, et al.        | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,665,906  | 05/19/87 | Jervis               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,747,407  | 05/31/88 | Liu, et al.          | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,907,591  | 03/13/90 | Vasconcellos, et al. | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,917,087  | 04/17/90 | Walsh, et al.        | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 4,917,090  | 04/17/90 | Berggren, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
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| <i>JTB</i>          | 5,062,842  | 11/05/91 | Tiffany            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,119,983  | 06/09/92 | Green, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,171,262  | 12/15/92 | MacGregor          | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,217,474  | 06/08/93 | Zacca, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,234,447  | 08/10/93 | Kaster, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,250,060  | 10/05/93 | Carbo, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,304,220  | 04/19/94 | Maginot            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,314,468  | 05/24/94 | Ramos Martinez     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,336,233  | 08/09/94 | Chen               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,354,302  | 10/11/94 | Ko                 | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,366,462  | 11/22/94 | Kaster, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,395,311  | 03/07/95 | Andrews            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,443,497  | 08/22/95 | Venbrux            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,456,712  | 10/10/95 | Maginot            | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,456,714  | 10/10/95 | Owen               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,464,449  | 11/07/95 | Ryan, et al.       | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,478,354  | 12/26/95 | Tovey, et al.      | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,522,834  | 06/04/96 | Fonger, et al.     | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,556,405  | 09/17/96 | Lary               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,558,667  | 09/24/96 | Yarborough, et al. | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,571,167  | 11/05/96 | Maginot            | —     | —        |             |
| <i>JTB</i>          | 5,643,340  | 07/01/97 | Nunokawa           | —     | —        |             |

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|                     | 5,676,670  | 10/14/97 | Kim                  | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,693,088  | 12/02/97 | Lazarus              | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,695,504  | 12/09/97 | Gifford, III, et al. | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,702,412  | 12/30/97 | Popov, et al.        | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,707,362  | 01/13/98 | Yoon                 | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,707,380  | 01/13/98 | Hinchliffe, et al.   | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,709,335  | 01/20/98 | Heck                 | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,709,693  | 01/20/98 | Taylor               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,725,544  | 03/10/98 | Rygaard              | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,725,553  | 03/10/98 | Moenning             | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,732,872  | 03/31/98 | Bolduc, et al.       | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,797,920  | 08/25/98 | Kim                  | —     | —        |             |
| <i>MS</i>           | 5,814,073  | 09/29/98 | Bonutti              | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,817,113  | 10/06/98 | Gifford, III, et al. | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,881,943  | 03/16/99 | Heck, et al.         | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,893,369  | 04/13/99 | LeMole               | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,904,697  | 05/18/99 | Gifford, III, et al. | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,921,995  | 07/13/99 | Kleshinski           | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,944,730  | 08/31/99 | Nobles, et al.       | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,947,363  | 09/07/99 | Bolduc, et al.       | —     | —        |             |
|                     | 5,957,363  | 09/28/99 | Heck                 | —     | —        |             |
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| /                   | 6,022,367  | 02/08/00 | Sherts           | /     | /        |             |
| /                   | 6,113,612  | 09/05/00 | Swanson, et al.  | /     | /        |             |
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| /                   | 98/19618   | 05/14/98 | PCT     | /     | /        |             |    |
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| <u>  </u>   | 99/38441   | 08/05/99 | PCT     | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
| <u>  </u>   | 99/38454   | 08/05/99 | PCT     | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
| <u>  </u>   | 99/45848   | 09/16/99 | PCT     | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
| <u>  </u>   | 99/62406   | 12/09/99 | PCT     | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
| <u>  </u>   | 99/62409   | 12/09/99 | PCT     | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
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| <u>  </u>   | 0517252    | 12/09/92 | Europe  | <u>  </u>                              | <u>  </u> |  |    |
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